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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 2682

PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 01986.0021-01000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Richard H. WARREN

Serial No.: 09/216,036

Filed: December 18, 1998

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR  
PREVENTING SUN TRANSIT  
OUTAGES IN POINT-TO-MULTIPOINT  
SATELLITE SYSTEMS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action of April 18, 2001, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R.  
§ 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 7 and amend claim 8 in the manner noted in the attached  
Appendix as follows:

8. (Twice Amended) An earth station for use in a point-to-multipoint  
communication system including a small satellite antenna for transmitting a wide beam  
communication signal and a plurality of adjacent geostationary satellites for

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